

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)

MAIL STOP RCE

ANGEL et al.)

Art Unit: 1617

Serial No. 09/767,821)

Examiner: Lauren Q. Wells

Filed: January 24, 2001)

For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING WATER-SOLUBLE OR WATER-DISPERSIBLE
POLYETHER-CONTAINING POLYMERS AND THE USE THEREOF AS
COATING AGENTS, BINDERS AND/OR FILM-FORMING EXCIPIENTS IN
PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS OR PACKAGING MATERIALS OR AS
ADDITIVES IN COSMETIC, DERMATOLOGICAL OR HYGIENIC
PREPARATIONS

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

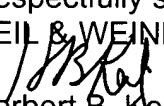
PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.103(c)

Sir:

On behalf of applicants, the undersigned hereby petitions for suspension of
action in the above-identified application for a period of three (3) months to provide time
for applicants to finalize supplemental investigations and to provide the results thereof
in the form of a properly executed declaration.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this
paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. Please credit
any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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